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Forest Service Further Reduces Closure in Los Padres and Angeles National Forests

The Forest Service today announced that it has again reduced the size of the closure surrounding the Day Fire, but that some areas of the Angeles and Los Padres National Forests will remain closed to public entry until further notice. The closure is needed because of ongoing fire control and rehabilitation activities and hazards associated with the Day Fire.

The Day Fire burned almost 163,000 acres of the Los Padres and Angeles National Forests and while the fire has been contained, it is not controlled. Scattered parts of the fire continue to burn in the interior, and burned trees that continue to fall throughout the fire area present risk of injury. Additionally, about 164 miles of dozer lines were constructed in and around the burn area and personnel are still working on rehabilitating those control lines.

The reopened portion of the Forest includes part of the State of California's "D13 zone" for deer hunting, although some parts of the D-13 zone will remain closed. Deer tags for zone D13 may be used in zones D11 and D15, according to the California Department of Fish and Game. Additional information about deer hunting zones and regulations is available on the Internet at www.dfg.ca.gov.

The areas of Los Padres NF that will remain closed until further notice include the following:

- Nordhoff Ridge Road;
- All areas of the Sespe Wilderness east of the Gene Marshall—Piedra Blanca National Recreation Trail (Forest Trail 22W03).
- All NF lands between Frazier Mountain Park road -- Lockwood Valley road and the Sespe Wilderness, except for the area west of the Reyes Creek road (Forest road 7N11).
- NF lands north of the community of Frazier Park which were closed following the Scott Fire, and NF lands between Boy Scout road and Lockwood Valley road which were affected by the Day Fire.

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Areas of Los Padres NF that will reopen at 6 PM on October 20th include the following:

- All NF lands north of the Frazier Mountain Park road and the Lockwood Valley road, except for those lands north of the community of Frazier Park which were closed following the Scott Fire, and lands between Boy Scout road and Lockwood Valley road which were affected by the Day Fire. The reopened lands include Mt. Pinos, Mt. Abel, San Emigdio Mountain, Quatal Canyon, and Ballinger Canyon.

There are no changes to the areas of the Angeles NF that are closed. They include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Sections of shoreline along the west side of Pyramid Lake within the burn area;
- Frenchman's Flat Day Use Area;
- Piru Ponds;
- Los Angeles County Road Highway 99 (in cooperation with Los Angeles County).

A description and map of the revised closure will be posted by early afternoon on October 20, at Forest Service offices and on the Internet at the following locations: Inciweb at www.inciweb.org, and the Los Padres NF website at www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres

Forest visitors are reminded that campfires and charcoal barbecue fires are prohibited, until further notice, in all areas of Los Padres NF except facilities managed by concessionaires.

For more information about the Day Fire Closure in Los Padres NF, please contact the Ojai Ranger Station at (805) 646-4348, or Chuchupate Ranger Station, in Frazier Park, at (661) 245-3731, or the Forest Supervisor's Office in Goleta at (805) 968-6640.

For information regarding the Day Fire Emergency Closure in the Angeles NF, please contact the Santa Clara – Mojave Rivers Ranger District at (661) 296-9710, or the Forest Supervisor's Office in Arcadia at (626) 574-1613.

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